

2008 Northern Territory (NT)
"Country Song Writer's Awards"
&
"Song of the Year"

Closing Date: 17th March 2008.

The Katherine County Music Muster, NT Country Song of the Year and Country Song Writer's Awards is the Territory's acknowledgement of Australian Country Music Songwriter's and their songs.

*It is open only to Australian citizens whose material has been written wholly in Australia and has been commercially released for distribution in Australia for the first time between **1st of May 2006 and 17th March 2008***

Both lyrics and music must be original. Commercially released means 500 or more copies of any one title released for sale or commercial use.

Entries for these categories will be received from record companies, publishers or songwriters with nominations in:

- 1 Bush Ballad of the Year**
- 2 Contemporary Country Song of the Year**
- 3 Country Comedy/Novelty Song of the Year**

KCMM will appoint a panel of five to judge each category.

Nominations must be accompanied by one (1) commercially released compact discs containing each nominated track (copies or dubs NOT accepted). If all tracks are on the same CD, a total of one (1) of the one unit will be sufficient. CD's will not be returned to entrants. There is no entry fee.

*Eligibility will be subject to majority support of the judging panel. **ALL MATERIAL ENTERED MUST BE COUNTRY IN CONTENT.***

Nominations will be restricted to one song per writer/composer per category. Where co-writers are involved, each different combination counts as a different entry.

*The top five finalists of each category will be notified on or just after the 16th April 2008 **The NT Song of the Year will be chosen from finalists of all categories.***

Winners of each Award will be announced at the Katherine Country Music Muster on 3rd may 2008.

All matters relating to the NT Songwriter's Awards are totally under the control of the Katherine Country Music Muster (KCMM) or its nominees. The KCMM will use its best endeavor to ensure all conditions relating to nominations or judging are fulfilled, but cannot be held responsible for any digression or non-compliance in any matter. All matters relating to judging will be strictly confidential. Decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

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Nomination Form

*Judged on a nominated track. Each category winner receives a trophy.
NT Song of the Year winner receives **\$1000 cash and trophy**. Original material (both lyrics and music) first released between **1st May 2006 and 17 March 2008** No more than one track per composer or writing team per category.*

CATEGORY (Please Circle):

BUSH BALLAD

CONTEMPORARY COUNTRY

COUNTRY COMEDY/NOVELTY

Name of Composition: _____

Date released in Australia: _____

Lyrics by: _____

Music by: _____

In making a nomination/s for the KCMM NT Songwriter's Award we agree to comply and be bound by the rules as attached.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Company: _____ Phone No. _____

Contact phone number and address of Songwriter: _____

Email _____

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PROFESSIONAL, AMATEUR AND LYRICS ONLY SECTIONS

Final winners to be announced at the Katherine Country Music Muster 3/5/08

Prizes: WINNERS OF PROFESSIONAL SECTION - \$1000 cash
AMATEUR CATEGORY - \$500 cash
LYRIC ONLY - \$300 cash
Trophies donated by KCMM.
Finalists in each section receive a certificate.

Entries close on 17th March 2008. No late entries will be accepted. Nomination forms may be photocopied. Results will be published in the NT News, Capital News, TSA and the KCMM and ABBA web sites.

2008 Nomination Form

Writers Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ **Phone** _____

Please tick

Professional

Amateur

Lyrics only

Co-Writers Name/s _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Conditions of Entry

1. **All songs in the opinion of the Judges must be Country in setting, theme or attitude.**
2. **Maximum of four (4) Songs per Entrant**
3. **Songs in the Professional and Amateur Sections to be submitted on Cassette or CD**
4. **All Songs can be submitted on the one tape or CD**
5. **Please write name of song/songs on Cassette only, Please supply four Clearly Written copies of the Lyrics for each Song. In LYRICS ONLY section, four clearly written or typed copies of the lyrics must be submitted.**
6. **Do not write your name on lyrics or Cassette.**
7. **Words and Music must be original and must not have been Commercially recorded and released prior to closing date.**
8. **An Amateur Writer is defined as one who has never won a major songwriting competition or who has not had 500 or more recordings of any one title for commercial use. An amateur writer may enter the Professional section but a Professional CAN NOT enter the Amateur section.**
9. **In the Amateur section songs are to be recorded with one instrument and one vocal only.**
10. **No restrictions on voice or backing in Professional section.**
11. **It is in the best interests of all contestants to make sure their recordings are as clear as possible.**
12. **An entry fee of \$10.00 per song must accompany each entry; cassettes will be destroyed after judging unless a stamped self-addressed jiffy bag accompanies entry.**
13. **The judge's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.**
14. **Top five (5) Finalists will be notified by phone on or after 16th April 2008**

Please make cheques and money orders payable to "Katherine Country Music Muster" and post with your entry to:

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